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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SWEL, SO

SUBJECT: SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC

1. USG AWARE OF PRESENT SMALLPOX OUTBREAK IN SOMALIA,
NOW ONLY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WITH REPORTED CASES. USG
PREPARED TO COOPERATE IMMEDIATELY WITH SOMALIAN GOVERNMENT
AND WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO ERADICATE THIS DISEASE.

2. FOLLOWING AVAILABLE FROM USG (FUNDED BY CENTER FOR
DISEASE CONTROL, ATLANTA): UP TO 30 EXPERIENCED SMALLPOX
EPIDEMIOLOGISTS AND/OR PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORS. ALSO
DOLLARS 25,000 AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY FOR GASOLINE IF
US AMBASSADOR DECLARES MEDICAL DISASTER AREA. PLEASE MAKE
OFFER IN CONNECTION WITH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE DISCUSSIONS.
UNDERSTAND GENEVA WHO REP DR. ARITA RECEIVED HINT OF
FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO DISCUSSIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE USG
SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE. STRONG WHITE HOUSE INTEREST IN
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USING MEDICAL DIPLOMACY AS OUR AVENUE TO WIDEN ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE TALKS. DETAILS REGARDING LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE
TO FOLLOW IF RESPONSE FAVORABLE. CAUTION SHOULD BE
EXERCISED TO AVOID UNDERMINING WHO EFFORT IF THEY APPEAR
TO BE HANDLING THE OUTBREAK ADEQUATELY WITHOUT USG
ASSISTANCE.

3. YOU MAY WISH RAISE THIS DURING YOUR MEETING WITH
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